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From: Adams, Pratistha [Adams.Pratistha@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/18/2019 10:57:25 AM
To: Mason, Steve [mason.steve@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Spot Report for this Morning

Thank you sir

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 18, 2019, at 5:16 AM, Mason, Steve <mason.steve@epa.gov> wrote:

Pratistha, I entered this in as a spot report... Hopefully it will show up on the Daily OPS report...

At approximately 10:20 am local time on March 17, 2019, Intercontinental Terminals Corporation (ITC) discovered a tank on fire and reported the incident to the National Response Center (NRC #1240304). EPA Region 6 Phone Duty Officer (PDO) activated the Response Duty Officer (RDO) and EPA START contractors to respond.

EPA and START mobilized and entered Unified Command with TCEQ, HCPCS, and ITC. USCG also mobilized and is providing support.

Predominant winds were from the east northeast from La Porte, Texas towards Hobby Airfield. EPA START and ITC continued air monitoring throughout the night in the vicinity and downwind. Particulates were detected just southwest of the facility, but no readings above action levels. No readings of VOCs or other constituents were detected.

EPA conducted aerial air monitoring with the use of the ASPECT aircraft and measured no significant detections in the vicinity and downwind of the incident.

As of 0500 hours on 03/18, 9 tanks containing gasoline blends, toluene, naphtha, xylenes, pyrolysis gasoline, and blended oils were involved in the fire. The shelter in place for the City of Deer Park is still in effect. Highway 225 continues to be closed in both directions in the vicinity of the facility.

Emergency responders continue to use foam to control the fire and prevent the fire from spreading to the remaining tanks within the contained area.

With Regards, Steve

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